

# **Minority Business Enterprise Compliance Office**

## **Certification Review Committee (CRC)**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**June 19, 2012**

**A meeting of the Certification Review Committee (CRC) was held at the Rhode Island Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill, 2nd floor, Providence, RI 02908 on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. with a quorum being declared present. Members in attendance: Charles Newton, Louise Anderson, and Muraina Akinfolarin. Members absent: Denise Correy. Also in attendance were Patsy Peterson and Dorinda Keene, staff to the CRC.**

**The Minutes of the May 15, 2012 meeting were reviewed. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee (CRC) reviewed recommendations by the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications for certification submitted on behalf of the following firms:**

**a) Cardoso Construction, LLC     MBE/DBE RI**

**b) DEMCO, LLC     M/W/DBE RI**

**c) Expert Access, LLC     WBE/DBE RI**

**d) Martins Maintenance, Inc.     DBE RI**

**e) Medeiros Hydro Seeding & Landscaping Construction, Inc. MBE/DBE MA**

**f) Oyster Works, LLC WBE/DBE RI**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for those applicable firms. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firms for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program, with the exception of Martins Maintenance, Inc., who exceeds the MBE economic disadvantage criteria. Motion carried unanimously.**

**The Certification Review Committee (CRC) reviewed recommendations by the MBE Compliance Office regarding the applications for certification submitted on behalf of the following firms:**

**a) Certified Connections, Inc. MBE/DBE MA**

**After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve the DBE certification for this firm, with a recommendation that the applicant amend certain clauses of their corporate By-Laws. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firm for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Hearings:**

**Sitecon Corp., Inc. – A hearing was conducted before the CRC regarding the application for certification submitted on behalf of Sitecon Corp., Inc., and was attended by Ms. Marie Parrillo, President of the applicant firm, as well as by Mr. Girard Visconti, Esq., legal counsel for the applicant. After questioning by the members of the CRC regarding issues of ownership, control, dependency, affiliation, compensation, and the appearance that the firm may have been structured to take advantage of the MBE and DBE programs, a motion was made and properly seconded to approve certification as a DBE. Motion carried unanimously. A second motion was then made and properly seconded to approve the newly certified DBE firm for the State of Rhode Island's MBE program. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Southern Rhode Island Moving & Storage, LLC – A hearing had been scheduled for this firm regarding issues of ownership, control, dependency, affiliation, compensation, and the appearance that the firm may have been structured in order to take advantage of the MBE program. While the applicant was duly notified of the hearing, via fax and certified mail, and had indicated verbally in a telephone communication that they would be in attendance, the applicant failed to attend the hearing as required. Consequently, the determination of the CRC was based solely upon the written record to date. After some discussion, a motion was made and properly seconded to deny certification. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Old/New Business:**

**A continued discussion ensued regarding the recent changes to 49 CFR 26 regarding Inter-State DBE certification. The CRC members were advised that the next meeting regarding this issue is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 13, 2012. Members will be notified when the schedule is finalized.**

**A continued discussion ensued regarding potential changes to the current MBE certification regulations. Said discussion shall be continued at the next CRC meeting.**

**There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m. The next meeting of the CRC is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**